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Applicant: David E. Berg et al.)
Serial No.: 09/966,311) Ex. SHAHNAN
Filed: 28 September 2001)
Title: METHOD FOR DETECTING PROCOAGULANT) Art Unit: 1645
GENETIC AND METABOLIC CONDITIONS)
ASSOCIATED WITH, AND POTENTIALLY)
PREDISPOSITIONAL FOR, ACTIVATION OF)
THE COAGULATION RESPONSE)

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, mailed 25 August 2003, in the above identified case. A shortened statutory period for response has been set for 1 month, up to and including 25 September 2003. A request for a two-(2-) month extension of time, to and including 25 November 2003, is included herewith.

Claims 1 through 44 were presented for examination. Said claims now stand subject to restriction.

In response thereto, Applicant, through his undersigned attorney, sets forth the following remarks.

The Requirement for Restriction

Restriction has been required to one of the following inventions:

- I. Group I, claim 1, drawn to a method for determining abnormal procoagulant factors, classified in class 435, subclass 2.
- II. Group II, claims 2, drawn to a method of treating, classified in class 436, subclass 811.
- III. Group III, claims 3 - 44, drawing to a method for diagnosing the presence of procoagulant factors, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

The Election

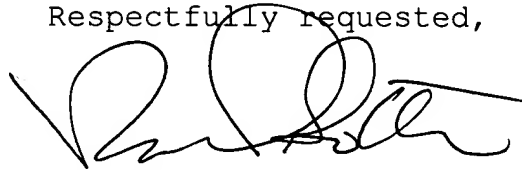
For purposes of immediate examination, Applicant hereby elects the following invention:

- I. Group I, claim 1, drawn to a method for determining abnormal procoagulant factors, classified in class 435, subclass 2.

This election is made without traverse and without prejudice to the subsequent filing of a continuing or divisional application directed to the non-elected invention.

Should there be any questions or remaining issues regarding the foregoing, Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for a speedy resolution.

Respectfully requested,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael W. Goltry', written over a circular stamp or seal.

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